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Timely Tidbits . . .

"Coming Home"

Closing out Romulus High School's annual "Coming Home" celebration will be the Third Annual Romulus High School Chili Cookoff and Euchre Tournament, to be held in Rooms 507 and 508 at the High School beginning at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Friday, March 3). The event – which will also feature a volleyball tournament to be overseen by Lisa Decker, a former volleyball star at Romulus High School – is sponsored by the Romulus Alumni Association and the Romulus Rotary. For information, call Marge Bergman at the High School (941-2170, ext. 149).

Library To Open

Various delays have caused the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) to reschedule its reopen date from February 27 to March 6. For more information, call the Library at 941-7369.

EDS To Argue Case at ZBA Meetings

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., will continue to argue their zoning case before the Romulus Zoning Board of Appeals at City Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, as previously scheduled, but a second meeting date of Thursday, March 9, has been postponed – at the request of the City administration – until Wednesday, March 22.

Well Is "Well Suited" to Disposal Task

Due to continued community debate concerning the safety of the Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. injection well constructed in Romulus in the summer of 1993, Professor William B. Harrison III of Western Michigan University's Department of Geology was recently queried as to his opinion regarding the well's safety. His reply: "We cannot build a disposal site, at any cost, that is as well suited for the purpose of liquid waste disposal, in terms of safety from leakage, as the Romulus deepwell." □

Council Turns Down Request for Investigation

By Kristi Stephens

A house which was purchased and later relocated by Romulus City Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry was again the subject of questions posed by New Boston resident R.P. Lilly at the February 27 meeting of the City Council.

During the discussion portion of the meeting, Lilly asked the Council to "adopt a resolution to conduct a thorough investigation into the facts pertaining to this home that was moved by Councilman Raspberry in the summer of 1990," and stated that he believed such a resolution was necessary "in order to remove any doubts about any possible conflict of interest or violation of any ordinances of the Building Department." Lilly asserted that he was not making accusations, and added, "I have no idea if anything has been violated or if there are any conflicts of interest at all. But I feel as though we should look into this."

After Lilly closed by reminding Council that he was asking for immediate action, Councilman Bill Wadsworth asked Raspberry if he would voluntarily give Council a report on his house and a copy of the permit for when it was moved, saying he wanted to "get this behind us" because he was "tired of hearing it every week." When Raspberry refused, restating his belief that the matter is his own personal business, Wadsworth made a motion to have City Building Director Dave Paul give Council a written report on the house, how it was moved, and whether or not the proper permits were acquired

at the time, adding, "As I make this resolution, Jimmie, I'm not accusing you of a thing in the world . . . all I'm asking is that you verify what was supposed to be done." The motion was seconded by Councilman Mike Prybyla.

As discussion ensued, Councilman Pete Bergeron – who apparently believed that Lilly's request was politically motivated, and connected to Lilly's disagreement with Raspberry over whether the City should seek a settlement agreement with Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. – expressed his objections to the proposed procedure, saying, "That information is easily accessible in the Building Department; anybody can get a hold of that information. To make a mockery out of this whole session for that information – I'm appalled at it. I'm appalled at it. You can go to the Building Department any time and get that information, but to bring it into the political arena just because somebody disagrees with somebody else on an issue – we ought to be above that."

Councilman Ellis Pennington concurred with Bergeron's assertion that Lilly's proper course of action would be to begin with the Building Department, stating, "Now, if this [Romulus Environmentalists Care About People] group has definite proof that a City Councilman has done some specific thing that is contrary to our ordinances, then I suggest that they bring this proof to the City Council; that you should not force one Council member to vote to investigate another Council member. If you



Councilman Jimmie Raspberry

have suspicions that any ordinance in this city has been violated, then you should get the proof [from] the Building Department . . . present it to the City Council, and I'd be more than glad to listen." Pennington added, "We've got ordinances on the book, and I think that the ordinances should be upheld. We sit here and make these ordinances and we expect the Administration to carry out the fulfillment of these ordinances that we make. That's their responsibility. Our responsibility is to make the ordinances and the Administration's responsibility is to enforce them."

But Councilman Randy Gear, who chaired the meeting in the absence of

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Ex-City Attorney Recommends Settlement

By Kristi Stephens

The controversial battle between the City of Romulus and Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) over EDS' right to operate its injection well here in Romulus has drawn the attention of a former Romulus Township and City attorney, Peter E. O'Rourke, and prompted him to comment on the subject through Local newspapers' "Letters to the Editor" columns. (See page 2.)

In his letter, O'Rourke briefly reviews what he believes to be the facts in the case, then goes on to state that, based on his 37 years of legal experience, it would be in the City's best interest to attempt to negotiate a settlement with EDS rather than continue its prohibitively expensive legal battle.

Why would someone no longer connected with the City concern himself with its problems?

"As a principal member of the law firm which represented Romulus Township from 1968 until Romulus became a city in 1970," said O'Rourke, "I was intimately involved in drafting the City's new charter as well as its ordinances and regulations. I suppose that helping a fledgling city move toward maturity has given me a genuine, long-time interest in its well-being. The fact that I continued to serve as a city attorney, under Mayor Hyle Carmichael's administration, until 1973, and then periodically acted as special counsel to the City from 1975 through 1985, only strengthened that bond."

Having previously worked on the City's behalf to negotiate a variety of settlements, including Police Department and Teamster contracts and employee claims against the City, O'Rourke said that the application of "good, old-fashioned Romulus problem-solving common sense" is what is called for in this situation, as well.

"It's been my experience that the City of Romulus has usually been able to negotiate mutually fair and beneficial settlements in the past. I hope that today's administration will show the same leadership by reaching an agreement with EDS and putting an end to the ongoing turmoil that now strains the City's budget and divides its citizens," he concluded. □

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

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Sex Education Classes "Poison," Says Reader

Letter to the Editor:

Poison! Warning! Beware! A mind is a terrible thing to waste – and, for the present, many children have become the innocent victims and recipients of toxic waste through the sex-education classes being utilized in Romulus schools. Quite unlike the health courses given 10 or 20 years ago, the focus of these classes seems to have changed. Without discretion, everything is covered, from masturbation and suggestions of homosexuality to glossary words, phrases, and definitions that would make one think he had accidentally walked into a pornography shop. This type of material is totally inappropriate and has no business being in a 10- or 11-year-old child's classroom, or any other classroom for that matter. The sex-education material seems to be designed to stimulate and promote early sexual activity among young people. It is ludicrous, depraved, and detrimental to the health of our children!

One would think that, with promiscuity on the rise among teens (I wonder why?), sexually transmitted diseases running amok among teens, AIDS assaulting young people, and teen pregnancies and abortions abounding, those in authority in Romulus schools would be extremely careful and protective about what is being taught in the classroom. While there is nothing new under the sun, there certainly appears to be a flippant, liberal, and broad-minded attitude existent among certain adults regarding this matter. Is it any wonder that young people think that "anything goes regarding sexual activity" when they see adult role-models falling so short of the mark of decency? What ever happened to discretion? The power of suggestion is very strong, and young minds are very vulnerable. The fact that a certain committee actually reviewed the sexual-education materials and approved them merely reflects on these persons' own liberality and bad judgment.

This matter should not be taken lightly, as the consequences of such continued sexual-education teachings will have far-reaching effects on these young people's lives. Their whole future is possibly at stake here.

The welfare of students should be Romulus schools' primary concern. Yet, I have to wonder why it isn't. If adults actually approved foisting such heinous teachings on children who are held captive in the classroom, then it's time that some changes were made. Were grant monies awarded to Romulus schools for utilizing this experimental sexual-education material? Are Romulus students merely being abused and used as monetary commodities in the classroom? While many students in Romulus are failing reading, math, etc., their minds are being polluted with the prevalent poison being promoted through the present sexual-education classes. While some may consider this amusing, others find it very disappointing, shocking, and a very real threat to the well-being of Romulus students. Who will answer for the potential harm being incurred by these contaminate and destructive teachings? The children will pay the ultimate price, won't they? But this need not be.

Parents and citizens of Romulus, we all have a vested interest in the community of Romulus and its future. Today's children are tomorrow's leaders and must be protected, guided, and directed. Decisions must be made in the best interest of Romulus students. Apparently, the time has come and gone when one could rely on the school system to make sound judgments which would benefit our children. No longer can the public school system be relied upon to act in the child's best interest. Therefore, I urge all Romulus parents and citizens to take a stand for these young people and insist that a standard of decency and morality be raised up in Romulus schools and elsewhere. It's time that our young people realized that there are still those who believe in doing what is right, and doing what is right for them as well. The majority of people in Romulus does not want toxic waste injected into a well in our city. How much more valuable is a human being? You can believe that the majority also does not want toxic waste injected into the minds of Romulus children. Romulus seems to have a difficult time preventing the toxic waste that would destroy its citizens, but it can be done with the

grace of God.

Seeds of corruption and seeds of destruction are being planted in young people's minds, and these will grow and produce rotten fruit if they continue to be fertilized with the toxic waste being promoted in the present sex-education classes in Romulus schools. The approval and promotion of this sex-education curriculum could be AIDing (AIDS) and ABEDDING (abetting) the downfall of Romulus children. Poison! Warning! Beware! God help the children!

A few questions: Why didn't the Romulus School Board at least stop the teaching of these sex-education classes until they could review them once again? Why are these courses being allowed to be continued even though the Board has been warned about them? What did the Board have to lose by stopping these classes immediately? It's much better to prevent harm than to attempt to do it.

Sonda Stepchuk
Romulus

Ex-City Attorney Says City, EDS Should Settle

Has common sense died in the City of Romulus?

It is with dismay that I read of the ongoing turmoil regarding the operation of the EDS and REMUS joint venture deep well located in Romulus.

My involvement with Romulus goes way back to the "township days," having served as a township attorney, and then as a city attorney for many years. While I haven't been actively involved for about eight years, I have kept my eye on the City activities.

For the most part, good common sense and sound judgment have prevailed over the years. But now? Let's take a look. It appears that these are the facts:

- It was proposed to the City that a safe well, MDNR- and USEPA-approved, be constructed in Romulus at a location which would be suitable.

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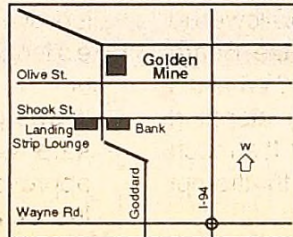
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Lansing Update

For the Month of February, 1995

By State Representative Greg Pitoniak Public Funding of Government TV Receives Low Ratings

The executive branch of government is trying to use public funds to set up a cable show known as Michigan Government Television (MGTV). House Democrats have fought the idea because of its proposed funding and procedures to establish its operation. The project would take \$2 million to set up. The money would come from overpayments made by citizens of this state to a major long distance phone company. Democratic lawmakers believe that this money should be returned to the people. This cable show would be controlled by the majority party and all contents of the program would be decided by that party. Even though this project is well on the way to being established, there is no provision for future funding.

Trout/Salmon and Waterfowl Stamp Contest Deadline April 28

Contest rules are now available to Michigan artists who wish to enter the design competitions for the 1996 trout/salmon stamp and the 1996 waterfowl stamp. Artists have until April 28 to submit their entries to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), sponsors of the annual competition. To obtain more information regarding the contest rules and regulations, write to the DNR Fisheries Division, Box 30446, Lansing, MI 48909 (517-373-1280), or the DNR Wildlife Division, Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909 (517-373-1263). The paintings will be judged and the winning designs will be announced at the May 27-28 Great Lakes Wildlife & Arts Festival in Clare.

House Considers Bill for Judges

It would take at least five years of experience as a lawyer to qualify for a judgeship under a proposed constitutional amendment recently approved by the State Senate. The legislation passed 38-0 and went to the House for consideration. It requires approval by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to go on the 1996 ballot. The bill applies to the positions of trial judge, Court of Appeals judge, or Supreme Court Justice. The bill has passed both chambers before, but not in the same term.

Penalty for Impersonation of a Cop Up for a Vote

Members of the House are now considering a bill, recently sent to them by the Senate, to make more stringent the penalty of impersonating a police officer in order to commit a crime. That offense would be a felony punishable by up to two years' imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$2000, or both.



Representative Greg Pitoniak

Democratic Education Task Force Holds First Public Hearing

The House Democratic Task Force on Education Standards: Maintaining and Improving the Quality of Our Schools, held its first public hearing on February 27 at the Southfield Civic Center. The chair of the Task Force is encouraging parents, teachers, and administrators to attend the public hearings and offer their views. The Governor's proposal to repeal the State School Code shows that significant changes are being considered regarding the ways we educate our children. Ideas need to be reviewed immediately by the public and the Task Force.

Additional hearings will be conducted on March 6 in Grand Rapids and March 13 in Lansing. A hearing will also be conducted in the Upper Peninsula. Times and locations for the hearings will be announced.

State Lawmaker Supports Public Broadcasting

Recently, a subcommittee in the US House voted along party lines to cut the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's budget by 30% during the next two years. One State legislator believes Michigan should continue funding the present system. Representative Laura Baird (D-Okemos) recently introduced a resolution to urge Congress to continue supporting PBS. Baird also urges Michigan's PBS stations and their co-sponsors to voice their concerns about the proposed elimination to their U.S. representatives. □

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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- The City welcomed the construction of the well, and the selected site.
- The City attorney stated (three times in writing) that the City could not obstruct construction of the well. The City gave copies to EDS, giving EDS a right to rely on the opinions.
- The well was constructed – at enormous cost to EDS and REMUS – with all required safeguards.
- The City administration changed its mind about the well after it had already been drilled.
- Extensive litigation has now ensued, with more almost certain to follow, particularly a taking claim that would follow a ruling against REMUS by the City's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Can Romulus win? My review of the facts, research of the applicable law, and 37 years of legal experience say NO! The City may win an occasional motion in a court hearing. It may even eventually prevail on some important issues. Does that mean that the City wins? And, what is the cost to the taxpayers?

Even if the City ultimately wins each lawsuit to prevent the well operation at its present site, its past actions in welcoming the well will likely subject the City to huge costs under a condemnation-related legal theory. I do not believe that the City will win such lawsuits.

If the City ultimately loses such lawsuits, its financial exposure includes huge damages for lost profits, and litigation-related costs and fees. Plus, the well stays where it is.

In either case, legal fees and litigation costs, now in the half-million-dollar range, could and will likely cost millions of taxpayer dollars with no recoupment by the City. There is only one source for these funds. The taxpayers have already said "NO" in a referendum vote.

Can the matter be resolved in a manner which is fair to the City, its taxpayers, and the well owners? YES! The interested parties can sit down together and reasonably determine what are the valid citizen concerns, valid City interests, and the needs of the well owners. That is what a court is eventually going to do if the interested parties don't. If it goes that far, no one wins.

What is needed is the application of good, old-fashioned Romulus problem-solving common sense. Further delay could be devastating.

Very truly yours,
Peter E. O'Rourke

Councilman Wadsworth Responds to EDS Ad

This letter is in response to the ad that appeared in a recent issue of *The Romulus News* from Douglas Wicklund of Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS). I respectfully request that this response be published in the next issue's

"Letters to the Editor." Let's really get the facts correct!

Mr. Wicklund stated that, at the informational steak dinner in July, 1993, no one, including myself, said, "No, we don't want the Well." He further stated that we said "YES, go ahead, we have no choice but to allow the Well." THIS IS FALSE! In fact, several people got up and questioned the safety, traffic, and many other issues regarding this well. Mr. Wicklund has a very selective memory. How could he forget the shouting match that he and I got into when I consistently asked questions regarding the truck traffic, the smell that might emanate from his operation, future traffic, and the safety regarding his hazardous well? How could Mr. Wicklund forget that Ms. Mary Collins asked him why he didn't erect his hazardous well in Birmingham, where he lives, if it is so wonderful and profitable? Why didn't Mr. Wicklund remember that I stood up and clearly stated that I am not in favor of this project? How can Mr. Wicklund consistently forget that I voted against this well from the beginning, including on the original resolution dated December 10, 1990?

I have consistently been against this hazardous-waste deep well. I have written letters that appeared in the local newspapers. In those letters, I questioned what this hazardous-waste deep well would do to our city 20, 30, or even 50 years from now. I questioned the well's close proximity to our residential neighborhoods and the means of transporting the hazardous waste by trucks and trains to the well site. I stated that history has revealed that, over the past 100 years, many government approvals were later found to be unsafe for our citizens. In the 1880s, tobacco farmers and our government told us that it was safe to smoke. In later years, asbestos was safe to use in buildings. D.D.T. was safe to spray on our children to control mosquitoes. Agent Orange was safe to spray on our troops in Vietnam. The leaking hazardous well constructed in Vickery, Ohio, was safe, according to the government. The list was endless. We all know that history has proven that these very government approvals over the past 100 years are now the direct causes of cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. I wanted to know if this cycle would be continued in the City of Romulus.

Now, let's stop a minute and look in the other direction. Have you wondered where Douglas Wicklund has received the huge amounts of money that he is spending on his full-page propaganda ads, his mass mail-outs, his tapes of the edited versions of the Council meetings, the full-blown public-relations company he has hired, and the large number of attorneys he has retained? Is this the kind of "good neighbor" you would

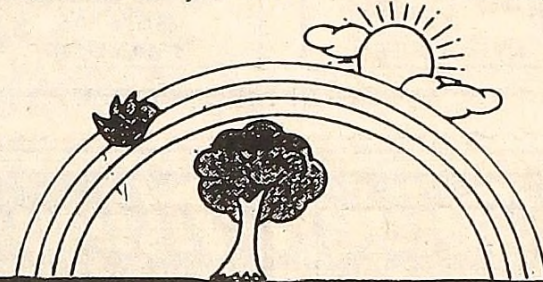
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Mr. Wicklund states that his hazardous well will be regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Mr. Wicklund, have you read the *Detroit Free Press* and *Detroit News* in the past two weeks? Did you see the article regarding the poisoning of Lake St. Clair, which occurred because the DNR failed to review and issue permits to municipalities that were dumping sewage into the rivers feeding this lake? These same permits which were supposed to be renewed by the DNR every five years had expired, in some instances, more than 30 years ago. Why? The DNR stated that they were underfunded and didn't have the manpower to properly police these municipalities. *These are the same folks who will monitor and police your hazardous well!* Not very comforting, Mr. Wicklund!

Finally, I have NEVER heard our Mayor say, "Yes, go ahead, welcome to

Romulus," and neither have you, Mr. Wicklund! I have consistently repeated, again and again, that this councilman was NEVER in favor of this hazardous deep well!

Bill Wadsworth, Councilman
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Romulus Man Operates Freeway Courtesy Van

Romulus resident Kevin J. Swisher spends his evenings looking for motorists in trouble. It's all part of his job as one of two Alliance Freeway Courtesy Patrol operators on duty 4 p.m. to midnight Tuesdays through Saturdays on I-75 within Detroit city limits.

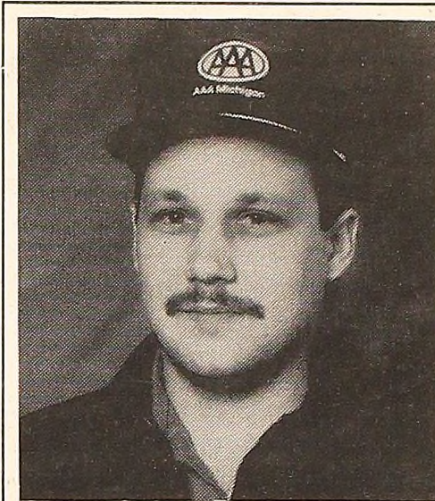
Operated by AAA Michigan and the Alliance for a Safer, Greater Detroit, the Courtesy Patrol has provided a public service to more than 700 motorists since its inception in September 1994.

"Thanks to the continued dedication of our two van operators, Kevin Swisher and Charles Searcy, one of our main Metro freeways is now safer for motorists," said John Broad, chairman of Alliance. "Opinion cards from more than 100 grateful motorists underscore the program's success. This sets the stage for us to secure more funding, so that this concept can be expanded to other Metro Detroit-area freeways."

The Freeway Courtesy Patrol drivers provide a variety of cost-free services to stranded motorists. Among other things, they:

- detect and report incidents;
- service disabled vehicles by providing fuel, oil, or other fluids; changing or inflating flat tires; and performing minor repairs, such as replacement of cooling system hoses or fan belts;
- insure the safety and well-being of motorists;
- call for additional emergency assistance when necessary;
- clear disabled vehicles, debris, and equipment from traffic lanes;
- arrange, as appropriate, for towing service or assistance in removing disabled vehicles from the freeway;
- relay traffic conditions to central communications networks.

State Police estimate that the ma-



Kevin Swisher

jority of vehicle assists performed on Detroit metro freeways could be handled by a courtesy patrol-type vehicle. Studies show that vehicle breakdowns and accidents cause 60% of all freeway congestion. According to the Colorado Department of Transportation, a similar program offers substantial benefits in reducing traffic congestion. In its first six months of operation there, the Patrol saved motorists about \$2 million.

"Being stranded on any highway can adversely affect the safety and security needs of motorists," said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch. "The goal of the Freeway Courtesy Patrol is to provide peace of mind and a secure knowledge that help is available and on the way."

The Freeway Courtesy Patrol Pilot is a project of the Alliance for a Safer, Greater Detroit; AAA Michigan; Michigan Department of Transportation; Michigan State Police; Office of Highway Safety Planning; Southeast Michigan Council of Governments; and other public and private contributors. □

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Mayor Pro Tem Mary Ann Banks, supported Lilly's request, saying, "By us being elected officials, public officials, the public does have the right [to ask for such information] because we have been placed in office by them. And when we take any type of action, it should not be viewed ... as though we've been forced to do something, because the public has the right to ask and to seek whatever information they want to ... We were placed in this position by the public, and they've entrusted us to make positive rules and regulations and laws to support them and support the City community and the State."

After further discussion, a vote on Councilman Wadsworth's motion was called. A tie vote of 3-3 (with Raspberry,

Pennington, and Bergeron dissenting) defeated the motion. □

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Recreation News

Many thanks to Brian Hitsky, director of the Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Gayle Mach and Keith Brothers, Department staff members, for contributing information to this issue's "Recreation News" column.

For more information about these or other Recreation programs, please stop in at the Recreation office (36515 Bibbins) or call 942-6852.

Adult Softball

There's no chance of a strike for teams and players wishing to participate in the various adult softball leagues being offered by the Romulus Recreation Department.

Unlike major-league baseball, a full spring and summer season of adult softball is expected to begin an orderly start in May. Teams wishing to sign up to play in the four Romulus leagues should register before March 31.

A total of four men's leagues and one women's league will be offered. The men will play on Monday/Wednesday nights, Friday nights, and Sunday afternoon. (There are two Friday night leagues.) Women compete on Monday/Wednesday nights. Teams participating in Monday/Wednesday and Sunday leagues play an 18-game schedule; Friday teams take part in 14 contests.

All games are held at Elmer Johnson Park on Ozga Road. The park features two lighted softball diamonds.

Teams that participated in 1994 have priority registration through March 10. New teams that have formed and that wish to play can register through March 31 to fill any open spots.

The men's Monday/Wednesday league fee is \$525, while teams playing on Friday and Sunday pay \$500. Women's teams pay \$400.

Anyone desiring more information on the various softball leagues offered by the Romulus Recreation Department should call (313) 942-6852.

Drop-in Hoops

Romulus Middle School and High School youngsters can drop in to show their stuff at the basketball court at the Merriman School gym beginning Monday, March 6, through a program being sponsored by the Romulus Recreation Department.

The program will run every Monday night from 5:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. for Middle School youngsters and from 7:30 p.m. through 9:30 p.m. for High School students. The cost to each participant is \$1 per session.

The basketball drop-in activity is open only to Romulus students with valid school identification cards. Mer-

riman School is located at Merriman and Eureka roads.

Adults wishing to participate in open basketball can play every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Romulus Middle School, 37300 Wick Road. There is a \$2 cost per session for each participant for adult play.

Park Reservations

The Romulus Recreation Department has begun accepting park reservations for the 1995 spring and summer season.

Park reservations for the City's seven parks may be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Park space may be reserved for Elmer Johnson Park, Kennedy Park, Senior Park, the Historic Park, Park #1, Cypress Park, Fernandez, and Merriman.

Pavilion rental at Elmer Johnson Park is \$50 for a commercial activity and \$35 for a non-commercial event. There are also fee charges for the rental of softball fields and/or various play equipment.

To find out more information about renting accommodations at any of the Romulus parks, call (313) 942-6852.

Job Opportunities

The Romulus Recreation Department has part-time job opportunities available during its spring and summer season.

The Department is looking for scorekeepers and park maintenance personnel as well as recreation supervisors to supervise youngsters participating in the summer Recreation programs.

Scorekeepers keep track of results of the various night adult softball games held at Elmer Johnson Park. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. The pay rate is \$6 per game. Games usually last one hour.

Park maintenance workers keep parks clean of debris, trim and cut grass, and make minor repairs to keep playground equipment safe. The starting pay rate is \$5 per hour.

Recreation supervisors should have experience working with youngsters. The position pays \$5.50 per hour. Supervisors are needed to work in the summer starting in July five days per week for seven weeks.

Anyone interested in applying for a position with the Romulus Recreation Department should fill out an application at the Personnel Department, 11111 South Wayne Road, at Romulus City Hall.

More details about any of the jobs may be obtained by calling the Recreation Department: (313) 942-6852. □

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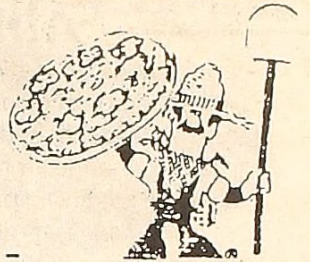
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Funding Cuts Could End Adult Education Programs

Once again, adult education funding of high-school-completion programs is in jeopardy for next school year. The State Legislature changed guidelines for this year so that funding of programs for adults seeking diplomas and General Education Diploma (GED) certificates was cut by about 40% for 1994-1995. If proposed legislation for next year is approved, local adult education programs will be cut by at least another 40% for 1995-1996. These cuts would put most programs, including the Romulus/Van Buren adult education consortium, out of business, according to Bill Murphy, consortium director.

"The future for serving adult students looks very bleak, indeed," Murphy said. "We are barely covering costs this year, and if the proposed legislation is enacted for next year, it would be impossible to offer the scope of programming we have in the past."

Over the last 25 years, Romulus Adult High School has served thousands of students. During that time, over 1,000 adults have completed their

high-school diplomas, while over 2,000 have earned GED certificates. Opportunities for adults to complete high school, gain valuable job skills, and improve their employability will be greatly compromised if local adult education programs are terminated.

The State Legislature has yet to enact the legislation that would be the death knell for school district-sponsored adult programs, but time is running short. Residents who oppose further State cuts to local programs are encouraged to write or call their State Senator and Representative to make their feelings known.

Senator Loren Bennett

P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909-7536
(517) 373-7350

Representative Gregory Pitoniak

P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514
(517) 373-0852

These contacts should be made as soon as possible to have an impact, as committees are drafting legislation now. □

Drug Task Force Grants Funds

Mayor Beverly McAnally has announced that the Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force has approved 1995 funding requests, totalling more than \$11,000, to various community groups.

Monies provided by the Task Force will be used to assist organizations to curb drug abuse, thwart the spread of gang activity, and provide information on domestic violence. In addition, funds will support organizations in targeting specific Romulus citizens for assistance, McAnally said.

The Mayor's Drug Task Force is composed of approximately 30 City officials, community leaders, social services agency representatives, school persons, and parents interested in providing information and assistance to youngsters to combat drug use and smoking.

"I am very pleased that the task force has been able to raise funds to support the variety of worthwhile projects that have come to our attention," said McAnally. "We anticipate the programs will provide excellent results and make a positive difference for our youth."

Among the recipients of task force funds is Growth Works, Inc. The company will offer a Youth Assistance Program to Romulus youngsters who are first-time offenders. Growth Works, Inc. will receive \$5,000 to provide increased staff time to counsel youngsters and their parents.

A new program offered by the Romulus Police Department to prevent gang activity will also be partially funded

by the Drug Task Force. A \$2,000 grant was approved to pay for Gang Resistance Education Training (GREAT) promotional materials such as buttons and T-shirts. GREAT will raise awareness of gangs' destructive nature to individuals, families, and neighborhoods.

A domestic violence symposium to be hosted by Romulus High School on March 29 has also been awarded a \$1,500 grant. The symposium will create public awareness of domestic violence issues, and will be directed primarily to high-school youngsters.

An additional award was approved to offset expenses for the March 4 Family Awareness Fun Day that will be held at Romulus High School. The Mayor's Drug Task Force will provide plastic bags with a "Say No to Drugs" theme to all participants attending the event.

Romulus' Community Commission on Drug Abuse, which facilitates parent education, student assistance, and support programs in the City, will acquire \$1,500 for a Parent Fair at the Romulus Middle School later in the year.

In addition, a pilot program to assist Merriman youngsters with homework, coping skills, and recreational activities was granted \$1,000 for speakers and activities.

The Mayor's Drug Task Force raises funds throughout the year. Its primary fund-raising activity is its annual golf outing. The 1995 golf outing will be held on June 23 at Shady Hollow Golf Club in Romulus. □


Community Calendar

- **Fish Dinners Raise Funds at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Church (corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is sponsoring fish-dinner fund-raisers from 5 to 7 p.m. every Friday through April 14. The menu will feature deep-fried fish and French-fried potatoes/baked fish and scalloped potatoes, plus all-you-can-eat cole slaw, rolls, macaroni and jello salads, dessert, and beverages. Carry-out available. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids age five to 11.
- **Romulus Little League Registration** – Registration for the 1995 Romulus Little League program will be held on March 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins). Divisions include T-ball (ages five to seven), Minors (ages eight to 10), Majors (ages 10 to 12), Juniors (age 13), Seniors (ages 14 to 15), and Big League (ages 16 to 18). A parent or guardian must be present at registration, and must have both a proof of residence and his/her child's birth certificate. Cost is \$25 per individual or \$35 per family; additionally, every player must sell two cases of candy and/or mugs or pay \$38 extra. For information, call Mark (729-7156) or Julie (941-6797).
- **Foster Care Informational Meeting** – Girlstown Foundation is in need of caring people to work with abused/neglected youth. You can help by becoming a licensed foster parent. To find out more about the rewarding experiencing of foster parenting, you are invited to attend an informational meeting about the Girlstown Foundation foster-care program at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, at 397 Main Street, Suite 3, in Belleville. For information, call Ms. Collier at 697-4804.
- **Spoon River Anthology** – The Huron Civic Theatre will present *Spoon River Anthology*, a musical reader's theatre presentation, at the Huron Civic Auditorium (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston) on March 18, 19, 25, and 26. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$5. Call 782-5380 or 654-0167.
- **Chamber "Person of the Year" Awards/Dinner/Dance** – The Romulus Chamber of Commerce cordially invites the public to attend its 15th Annual Romulus Person of the Year Awards/Dinner/Dance, set for Friday, March 24, at the Royce Hotel in Romulus. The event, which will honor "Person of the Year" Harlan D. Whichello, will feature cocktails at 6:30 p.m. (open bar), dinner at 7:30 p.m., and dancing after the 8:30 p.m. awards ceremony. RSVP by March 16 (326-4290). The \$30-per-person donation must be paid in advance.
- **Don't Be Victimized!** – The Romulus Recreation Department and instructor Lee McElwaney will host three successive Saturday-morning workshops (March 25, April 1, and April 8) to teach women and men a common-sense approach to self-protection that includes techniques to prevent mugging/rape attacks. Total cost for the three workshops, which run from 9 to 11 a.m., is \$5. Preregister at the Recreation Office (36515 Bibbins). For information, call 942-6852.
- **Arthritis Self-help Course** – An American Arthritis Foundation arthritis self-help course will be offered in the conference room at Oakwood Hospital Seaway Center – Trenton from 3 to 5 p.m. each Thursday from May 4 to June 8. The course will cover basic information about arthritis, strategies for decreasing pain, relaxation techniques, exercises, facts about arthritis medications and their effects, good nutritional habits, methods of heat and cold applications, and problem-solving techniques. Course fee is \$20 for participants and \$5 for significant others (without book). Preregistration is required and seating is limited. To register, call the Metro Detroit office of the American Arthritis Foundation at (313) 350-3030.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038;

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An Open Letter to Romulus Taxpayers and Mayor Beverly McAnally

In further response to the political flyer that Beverly McAnally mailed to many of you a few weeks ago:

FIRST: To the hundreds of taxpayers who have called us so far and asked for information pertaining to the FACTS concerning our deepwell and our long relationship with the City – especially with Beverly McAnally – THANK YOU!

SECOND: Although we refuse to get into a name-calling contest with Beverly McAnally, we feel that we must respond to one of her more ridiculous statements: *"I did and still do think we need better ways to dispose of our industrial and domestic wastes and since they were talking about 'non-hazardous' waste like dishwasher detergents, household cleaning products, etc., this method then sounded like a good idea, and I said so."* In other words, she wants you to believe that when EDS presented its project to her in the summer and fall of 1990, EDS was only talking about **"NON-HAZARDOUS"** waste.

How can Beverly McAnally make such a ridiculous statement when:

- FACT The accounting firm of Pohl, Walsh and Goode, P.C., furnished the City with Financial Projections of the City's Royalty dated August 30, 1990, which stated, *"EDS estimates that 60% of the waste liquids injected (into the Well) will be classified as **HAZARDOUS** and 40% as non-hazardous"* and that 76% of the Royalty would come from disposal of **"HAZARDOUS"** wastes. These projections were delivered to Beverly McAnally personally in the fall of 1990 and were also sent to the City Council.
- FACT EDS sent Beverly McAnally a letter, dated September 20, 1990, which said, *"Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) proposes to install an EPA Class I Liquid **HAZARDOUS** Waste Injection Well at a location within the Romulus City limits. . . ."*
- FACT The front-page headline of *The Romulus News* edition dated October 31, 1990, was, *"Deep Well Disposal of **TOXIC** Waste May Come to Romulus."*
- FACT On December 10, 1990, EDS representatives appeared before the Romulus City Council and Mayor Beverly McAnally and made a presentation of the proposed Deepwell project. During the presentation, the term **"HAZARDOUS"** was mentioned 20 times and the term **"TOXIC"** was mentioned three times.
- FACT Barry Seifman, Romulus City Attorney, wrote two legal opinions to David Paul, Romulus Building Director, on December 19 and 21, 1990, regarding, *"Deep Well **HAZARDOUS** Disposal."* Beverly McAnally delivered these opinions to EDS in July, 1992.
- FACT At the request of the DNR, *The Detroit News/Free Press* published public notices on June 11 and 18, 1991, which stated, *" . . . Public notice is hereby given by Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. of intent to establish one **HAZARDOUS** and non-hazardous liquid waste disposal well. . . ."*
- FACT EPA published a public notice in the August 14, 1991, issue of *The Detroit News* which stated, *"The purpose of this notice is to solicit written comments on the proposal by the Region V office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to issue permit to inject fluids underground via one new Class I **HAZARDOUS** waste disposal well. . . . One newly drilled Class I **HAZARDOUS** waste disposal well to be owned*

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*and operated by Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. of Birmingham, Michigan. . . . The waste injection is for the commercial disposal of **HAZARDOUS** wastes." EDS sent a copy of this notice to Beverly McAnally on September 4, 1991.*

- **FACT** In August, 1991, EPA issued the draft "**HAZARDOUS**" well permit and EDS sent a copy to Beverly McAnally on September 4, 1991. The EPA permit cover letter said, *"In accordance with Federal Underground Injection Control Program permitting procedures enclosed is a copy of the following draft permit(s) . . . To preserve your right to appeal any final permit decision that may be made in this matter under 40 C.F.R. part 124 you must either participate in a public hearing or send in written comments on the draft permit decision."* Beverly McAnally could have notified EPA that she opposed the Well. She could have sent EPA written comments expressing her opposition. Or, she could have insisted that a public hearing be held in Romulus in order to allow the citizens to express their own comments. But she didn't. She remained silent because she did not oppose the Well.
- **FACT** The EPA Draft Permit stated, *"Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. of Birmingham, Michigan hereinafter, the permittee, is hereby authorized to construct and operate a newly drilled Class I **HAZARDOUS** Waste Injection Well (Well #1) located in Michigan, Wayne County, T3S, R9E, Section 20, SE Quarter Section, subject to the conditions of this permit."*
- **FACT** On October 25, 1991, EDS sent a copy of the final EPA **HAZARDOUS** well permit to Beverly McAnally.
- **FACT** On July 1, 1992, Beverly McAnally sent a Memo to the City Council regarding, *"Subject: Injection Wells for **HAZARDOUS** Waste Disposal."*

Any reasonable person, after reviewing these FACTS, can come to only one conclusion – Mayor Beverly McAnally has been untruthful. She knew from the very beginning that our well was to be a **HAZARDOUS** well. She was untruthful to you, the citizens, voters, and taxpayers of Romulus. She was untruthful to you, the people who elected her to office and to whom she is accountable.

She has now spent \$400,000 of your tax dollars on lawyers in order to defend her misstatements. *Four hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money* – money that could be used on important projects in your community, such as:

- the purchase of 20 new police cars, or
- the addition of more sidewalks and street lights, or
- the improvement of the City's park facilities, or
- the clean-up of the Satterlee Dump, or
- the implementation of much-needed road repairs, or
- the institution of a one-mill tax break for Romulus homeowners.

Take a minute and call your city councilmen and tell them to stop wasting your money on lawyers.

- Randy Gear (942-9049)
- Mike Prybyla (941-2356)
- Bill Wadsworth (941-0616)
- Mary Ann Banks (941-0320)

Sincerely,

Douglas F. Wicklund, President

Barth, Cory Students Receive "Honor Roll" Recognition

Congratulations to the following Barth and Cory Elementary School students for making the honor roll for the third marking period of the 1994-1995 school year. (Editor's note: Asterisks denote those students who received all "A" grades.)

Barth Elementary School

Mrs. Fraley's Class

Ryan Block, Paul Bodis, Rebecca Garland, Jacqueline Hamilton, Marshal R. Hardt, Carla Harris, Linsey Hoppe, Brandon J. Olson, John Ryznar, David Schonscheck, and Amanda Youtsey.

Mrs. Gursky's Class

Nicole Bills, Rachel Broom, *Kelly Carroll, Joshua Cutliff, *Courtney Daniels, Kendal Duncan, Jerome Gray, Ileena Hill, *Deana Hunter, Gary Lee, Anson Long, Lonnie McCollum, John Nehila, Dana Noble, *Dayna Peters, Jillian Reno, and Melissa Thornton.

Mrs. Hall's Class

Lauren Block, Jeffery Clay, Meghan Conway, Peter Elam, Stacey Gilbert, Rick Hadyniak, Brandi Hamilton, Sarah Herbert, *Bradley Hindman, Julian Lambert, Adam Malloy, Richard Martin, Joshua Nichols, Robert Rice, Patrecia Sucharski, Natasha Tao, and Samantha Youtsey.

Mrs. Mientkiewicz's Class

Carla Broom, Jessica Case, Karrah Duncan, *James Elam, Ryan Ellis, Angela Lewis, Patrick McCollum, Suzanne Nehila, Robert Niemann, Kristi Rice, Jon Taylor, Rebecca Thornton, and Cali Trevorrow.

Mrs. Reott's Class

*Amanda Brewington, *Ronald Buckley, Chris Chesno, Leslie Daily, Tonya Davis, LeChaunte Ellerson, Jeremy Glen, Ashley Hayes, Sharonda Jackson, Jared Joiner, Natasha Lowe, Matt Thiede, Kelli Weimer, Troy Williams, and *Megan Woodrow.

Mrs. Stock's Class

Leah Cotham, Jason Griggs, Gerald Kuhrt, Angel McKinney, Jason Miela, Matt Niemann, Glenn Robbins, Matt Thornton, Kenneth Vaughn, Monica Watson, Erica Williams, Ray Woodrow, and David Wycaver.

Cory Elementary School

Mr. Blackburn's Class

Aaron Brown, Darren Cox, Tracie Finley, Amber Frazzitta, Catrina Green, Jamie Hool, Amy Hudson, Melissa Izobo, Yohanaus King, Makenzie Logan, and John McCullough.

Ms. English's Class

Heather Clark, Christopher Conley, Maranda Cushman, Brandon Dawson, Kelly Hardway, Jamie Henne, Amanda Izobo, Alex Macfarlane, Heather Patrick, Andrew Rodger, Ta-Kara Roquemore, Cassie Wilson, and Correy Yarborough.

Ms. Gilkey's Class

Brittany Bingham, Elizabeth Caburet, Roger Chapman, Adam Gibbons, Michelle Gonzalez, Heather Hislop, Jasmine Mark, Chris Moore, and Deon Solomon.

Ms. Green's Class

Jessica Aymer, Antoine Bailey, Amanda Bassett, Eric Brooks, Nikki Carr, Xavier Clemons, Rochelle Davis, Dayna Dawson, Perry Gray, Nishan Jones, Lea Lazenby, Michael Madison, Tomus Maine, Tasha Mullins, Rubens Paillere, and Emily Waskiewicz.

Ms. Morgan's Class

Taritoney Burutolu, Keyrion Campbell, Brenda Finley, Della Hamby, Gregory Johnson, Marcia Manier, Falcia Modzynski, and Matthew Slater.

Ms. Pluff's Class

Rashad Bingham, Brandon Bostain, *Sarah Branham, *Theresa Chadwick, Jessica Deverich, Tia Flemings, Alicia Harbor, Sabrina Hool, Brian Johnson, Nicole Kizer, Marlon Manier, Spencer Miller, Cynthia Pasek, Jamie Ross, Sarah Schatilo, Karron Smith, Ronald Smith, *Ryan Tackett, Shakiyah Taylor, Jeffrey Warren, Mark Wheeler, and Kiera Wilson.

Ms. Price's Class

Kim Atkins, Cody Barbu, Joshua Brown, Stacey Clarke, Raleah Davis, *Carissa Drobil, Randall Frye, Jenna Gonzalez, Stephanie Jones, Nicole Liendo, Larnie Neal, Amber Netter, Amber Sledd, and Marvin Wheeler.

Ms. Washington's Class

Jennifer Andrews, Alexis Brown, Marcus Eatmon, Larry Harris, Kenyon Healey, Chris Higgins, Mychal Hill, Tracy Hojara, Keith Hubbard, Gary Johnson, Ryan Martell, Corrin Michaux, James Pruitt, Ashley Slone, Chris Talley, and Jamie Usher. □

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REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 1995

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, February 13, 1995 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Sandra F. Langley.

Roll call showed Member Pat Patterson absent (excused). All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sandra F. Langley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2/95/1 Moved by Kesner supported by Hoffman to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

2/95/2 Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Minutes of January 23, 1995 as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Various members of the audience asked questions and voiced concerns to the Board of Education.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

There were none.

Bills for Payment

2/95/3 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Hoffman to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Financial Report - Budget Re-adoption

2/95/4 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Hoffman to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and adopt the amended budget for 1994-95 with revenues of \$30,409,240 and expenditures of \$29,441,231. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Debt Fund - Investment Account

2/95/5 Moved by Berlinn supported by Kesner to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to invest account balances in excess of \$5,000 in the First of America Municipal Investment Fund. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board of Education took a ten-minute recess at 8:38 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:48 P.M.

Technology Maintenance Proposals

2/95/6 Moved by Gondek supported by Hoffman that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve an extension of the Josten's Software and Maintenance Agreement through June 30, 1995 at a cost of \$23,320. Ayes: 5. Nays: 1 (Gondek). Motion carried.

2/95/7 Moved by Kesner supported by Berlinn that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed documentation, testing, and security for our elementary computer networks from the Xerox Company for \$18,106.75. Ayes: 4. Nays: 2 (Gondek and Oleszkowicz). Motion carried.

Middle School Training

2/95/8 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the release of a Middle School teacher for the 2nd semester of 1994-95 to provide technology training. The cost to be taken from the "asbestos" fund. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Field Trip - Wick

2/95/9 Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board of Education approve the proposed trip to Washington, D.C. by the Wick Elementary School 5th-grade students, scheduled for the first week of June, 1995. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Discussion of "Old Business"

It was the consensus of the Board of Education to reply to previous unanswered questions from the audience on the back side of the current agenda.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, presented the following items of interest for the Board's perusal: 1) Finance Committee Minutes; 2) Policy Committee Minutes; 3) Praise - Judy Thompson Dance Group; 4) Praise - Patricia Massad; 5) Dolan Memo - H.S. Program; 6) Mega League - Attorney Letter, and 7) Final Impact Evaluation Report - Technology.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Judie Gondek asked if 10th-grade students would be taking the MEAP Test next year.

Mrs. Sandra F. Langley requested that a "thank you" be extended to Cory Elementary School for their hosting Senator Bennett's visit.

Mrs. Judie Gondek asked if we could open a couple of buildings in the evening so that parents could acquaint themselves with the technology and computers.

Mr. Kenneth E. Berlinn requested a report on Partnerships.

Executive Session - Negotiations

2/95/10 Moved by Kesner supported by Gondek that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:48 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:45 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

2/95/11 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Kesner that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Cory Spelling Bee



(Left to right) Ms. Adkins (Principal), Mychal Hill (third place), Rochelle Davis (second place), Jamie Hool (first place), and Mr. Blackburn (teacher).



Fifth- and sixth-grade participants: Antoine Bailey, Curtis Bell, Alexis Brown, Elizabeth Caburet, Rochelle Davis, Marcus Eatmon, Amber Frazzitta, Pierre Greenwood, Chris Higgins, Mychal Hill, Jamie Hool, Keith Hubbard, Leah Lazenby, Jasmine Mark, Deon Miller, Stephanie Monat, Chris Moore, Rubens Paillere, and Ryan Sergott.

\$300 Raised for We Care

The United States Hapkido Association had its third annual demonstration for We Care – an organization that helps terminally ill children – on February 11 at the French Town Square Mall. The Association raised \$300, which it donated to We Care.

Hapkido – a unique, sophisticated, rarely seen self-defense art – is currently being taught at 2666 Fort Street in Trenton and at 12610 Harris at the Carleton Performing Arts Center.

Marshall Gagne of Grosse Ile moved to Carleton four years ago and has been teaching martial arts in the Downriver area for the past 25 years. Hapkido – a Korean martial art whose name means "coordinated power way" – is routinely taught to military special forces and the President's body guards.

Students of Hapkido learn a variety of self-defense techniques that incorporate strikes, kicks, twists, throws, pinning techniques, and skills in how to handle yourself on the ground. Hapkido uses an opponent's strength against him, and also teaches students about leverage. The art incorporates a lot of spinning techniques, making it an excellent choice for women, children, and older people as well as for athletes.

But self-defense is only part of what Hapkido has to offer. When you come to Master Gagne's do-jung (gymnasium), do not expect to learn only fighting techniques; students are taught to achieve serenity through self-confidence and living the martial-art way. Courtesy and strict adherence to discipline and rules are a must in the do-jung. This is not only to promote good manners, but is necessary for safety, especially when working with a partner. During practice, the person with whom you are working is always considered your partner, never your opponent. In Hapkido, there is no



photo: Joel Hernandez

competition!

"The neatest thing about Hapkido is that you can learn how to defend yourself without getting hurt," says Master Gagne. "You also can control the amount of damage to your opponent, which makes the art very attractive to police. In fact, Wayne County Sheriff Department employees and Trenton and Detroit police officers attend class at the Trenton studio regularly. Students are taught to use Hapkido only in defense."

School-age children, especially, can benefit from the study of this martial art. Black Belt instructors are positive role models who discourage smoking, drinking, and taking drugs. They encourage students to listen to their parents and achieve good grades in school.

Women students find Hapkido rewarding, too – not only for self-defense, which is taught to female students from the very first class, but also as an aerobic workout and aid to weight control.

To learn more about Hapkido, call America's Best Self-defense in Trenton (692-3960) or Carleton (654-3960). □

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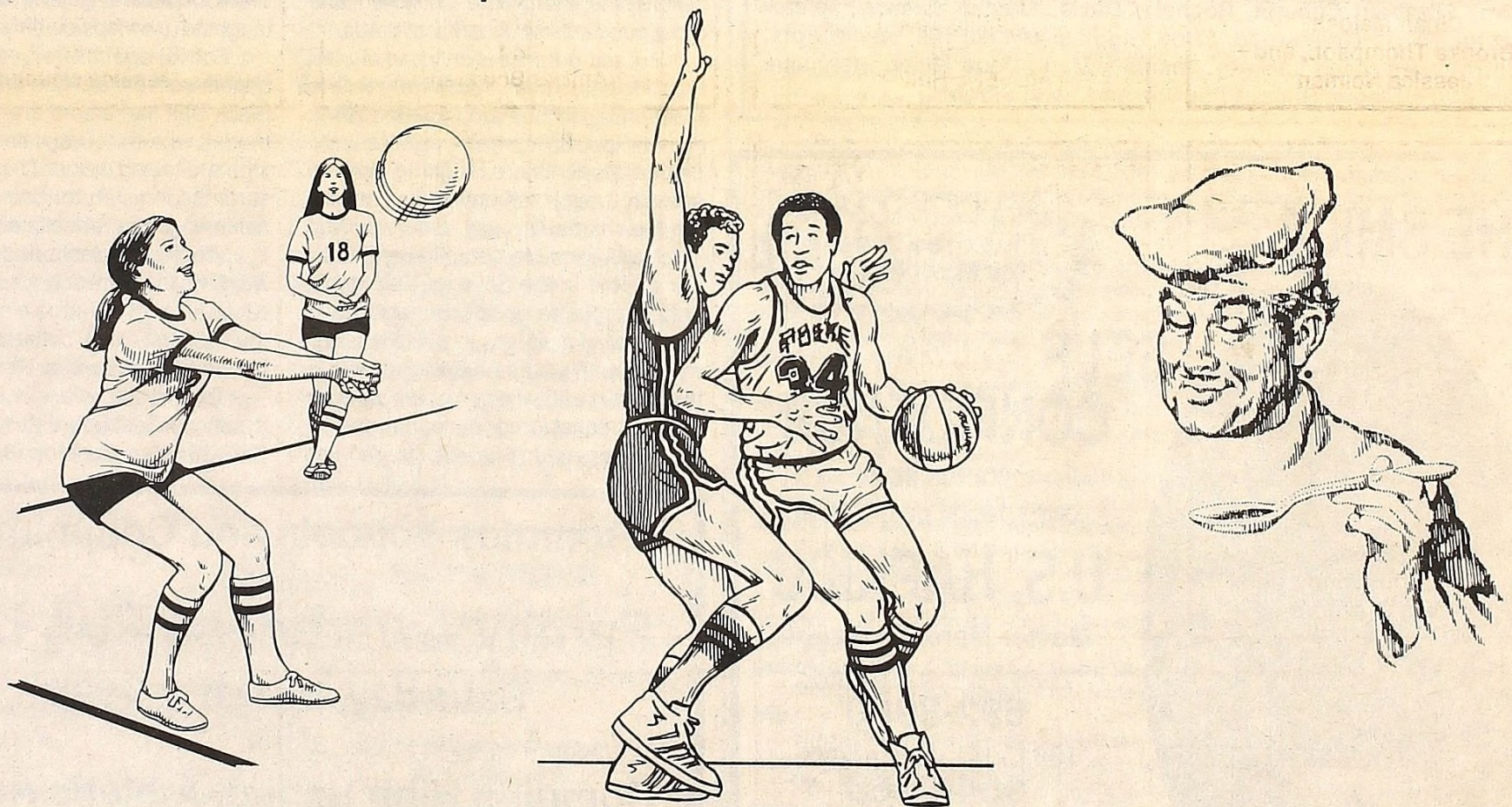
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Romulus Middle School Band Students Excel at District Festival

Pictured on this page are some of the Romulus Middle School band students who earned first-division ratings at the District XII Solo and Ensemble Festival, which was held at Livonia Franklin High School on Saturday, January 28, 1995.

Altogether, Romulus came away with 142 individual Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association medals, including 54 first-division medals and 88 second-division med-

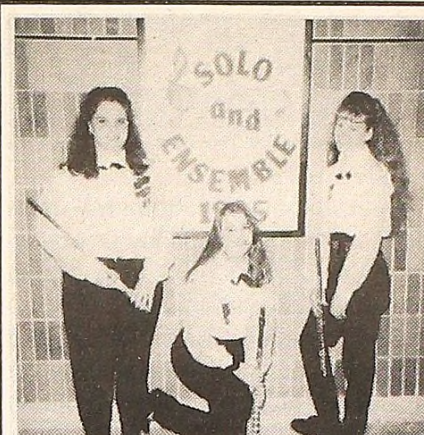
als. The medals were earned among 23 events receiving first-division marks and 36 events receiving second-division marks.

A total of 105 Romulus Middle School students were among the 4,000 young people who came from approximately 70 junior-high and middle schools to participate in the Festival.

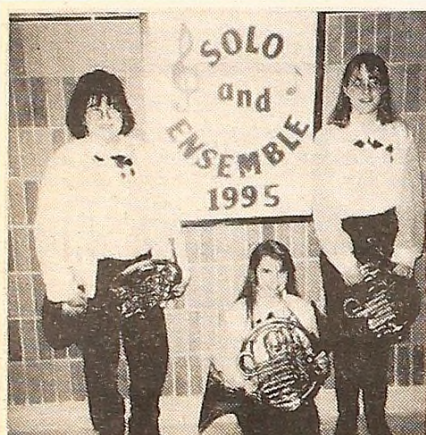
Congratulations to all on their fine performance. □



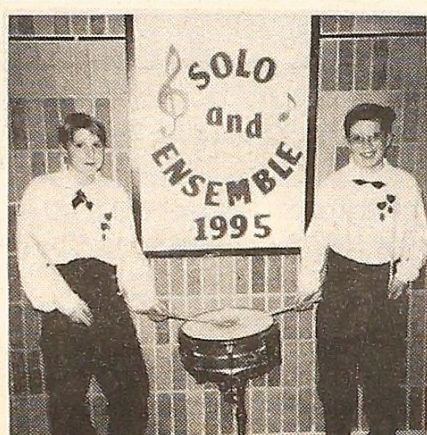
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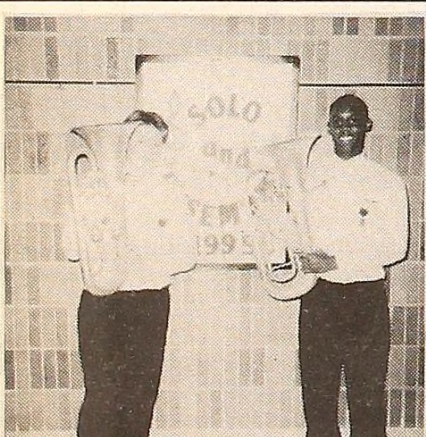
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Please note: Call 942-6852 for more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, 36515 Bibbins.)

Happy Birthday

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Romulus Tower neighbors who were born in March: Eleanor Brzezicki, Theresa Chadwick, Robbie Hughes, Joseph Jackson, Edward James, Mary Jaskolski, Judith Lorenc, Lydia Reeve, Joan Scibilia, Inola Singleton, Elizabeth Smith, Irene Troutt, Ruth Ulrich, Bernice Usher, and Marie Wilkerson.

Free Blood-pressure Screening

Romulus seniors can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on the first Monday (second Monday if the first falls on a holiday) of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. The next scheduled date is March 6. No appointment is necessary.

Free Hearing Screening

No appointment is necessary for seniors age 60 and over to take advantage of a free hearing screening to be offered at the Romulus Senior Center at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 6. The service will be conducted by the Deaf, Hearing, and Speech Center, a nonprofit agency that does not deal in hearing-aid equipment, so participants need not fear any sales pressure.

Tax Service Continues

Now through April 12, volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. to assist low- and middle-income senior citizens residing in Romulus with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home heating, prescription, and property-tax forms. A list of the materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

Ice Show

The Senior Center is planning a trip to the Wyandotte Amateur Ice Show at Yak Arena on Thursday, March 23. Sign up at the Center.

Potluck

The Center's spectacular chefs will serve turkey at the monthly potluck, to

be held Tuesday, March 21, at the Center. Bring a dish and bring a friend.

Lunch Out

Seniors who love Oriental cuisine will want to go out for lunch on Friday, March 17, when the Senior Van travels to Ann Arbor to sample the fare offered at one of the City's fine Chinese restaurants. Sign up at the Center.

Pinochle Tournament

You don't have to be a card shark and you don't need a partner to sign up for some lighthearted competition in the Center's upcoming Pinochle Tournament, to be held on Thursday, March 9, at 12:30 p.m. A \$1 per-person fee will cover prizes and light refreshments. Preregister at the Senior Center by Tuesday, March 7.

Shopping Trip

For a transportation fee of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at Southland Mall on Friday, March 10. Sign up at the Center if you are interested.

Special Trip

Seniors interested in more information about this or other trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer at 942-6852.

- **Gambling on the Mississippi** – Enjoy casino gambling riverboat-style! The \$159 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of this three-day trip, which departs March 13, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation; two nights' lodging at Jumer's Castle; lunch, dinner, and gambling on the *Mississippi Belle II*; dinner and gambling on Jumer's Casino Rock Island; and more.

Attention: Walkers!

The Romulus Senior Center is again transporting interested senior citizens to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for an indoor, move-at-your-own pace walk program. Transportation for participants in the free Wednesday-morning sessions departs from the Center at 9 a.m. and returns at 10:30 a.m.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.). □

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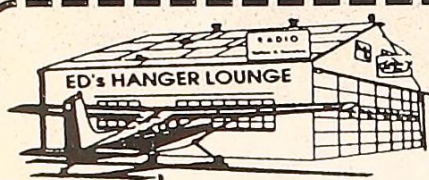
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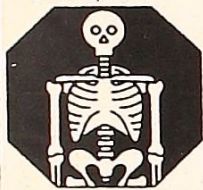
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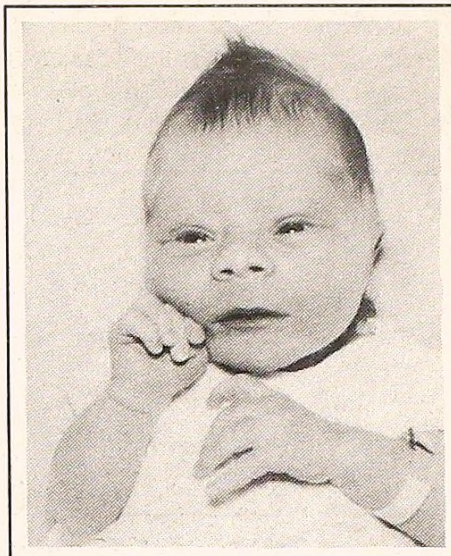
Mark Daniel Dybicki

Proudly announcing the birth of their second son, Mark Daniel Dybicki, are David and Nancy (Popich) Dybicki of Belleville, Michigan.

Mark was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 6:28 a.m. on Friday, December 16, 1994. At birth, he weighed six pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 21 inches in length.

Especially excited about Mark's arrival was his big brother, Michael David, who is three years old.

Mark's paternal grandparents are Walter and Jean Dybicki (Romulus, MI); Christine Popich (Romulus, MI) is his maternal grandmother.

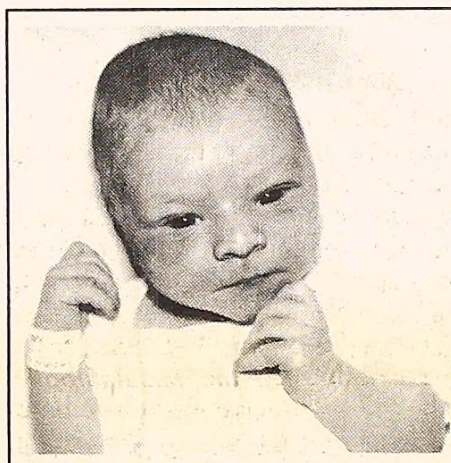


Jerry Edward Jordan

John and Cindy Jordan of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Jerry Edward Jordan.

Jerry was born in Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 8:55 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 1995, weighing in at seven pounds, six ounces, and measuring 20 inches in length.

Jerry's paternal grandparents are George and Mickey Jordan (Gladwin, MI); his maternal grandparents are Jerry and Wendy Grishaber (Romulus, MI). □



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Five seniors from instructor Doug Hoffman's advanced auto mechanics class at Romulus High School are planning for the future.

On Thursday, March 2, James Cecil, Richard Covert, Scott Lange, Brian Norman, and Randy Orme put their written skills to the test as competition began for the second annual Ford/AAA Student Auto National Quality Care Challenge.

Schools participating in the written exam are Saline High School, William D. Ford Voc/Tec, Dearborn High School, Huron High School, Pinckney High School, and Romulus High School. The

automotive skills exam will be held at 7 p.m. at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor.

Schools finishing in the top 10 on the written exam will compete May 11 in the Student Auto Skills "hands-on" State Final contest at Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The best team in the State will head to competition in the National contest to be held June 19 in Washington, D.C.

"The purpose of this competition is to demonstrate the quality of our high school-age automotive technicians and the important role that they fill in the auto service industry," said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager Jerry Basch. "In this day and age, proper automotive service requires knowledge of mathematics, electronics, and computer technology in addition to the mechanical elements of an automobile. These students are well on their way to promising careers."

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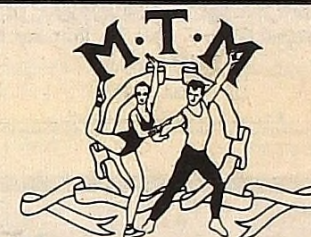
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